

## **IN THE U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE-PATENTS**

In re United States patent application, AUTOMATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ARMS™), by Britt, ser. no. 10/729,269, filed: December 8, 2003 in the name of:

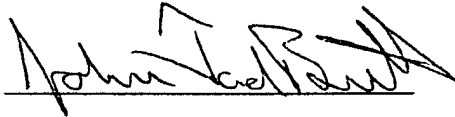
The United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army  
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### **AFFIDAVIT**

**John Tad Britt**, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the inventor listed on United States patent application ser. no. 10/729,269.
2. I earned a M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Mississippi in 1994.
3. I have been engaged in research in archaeology as well as related fields such as environmental engineering since 1990.
4. I am an author or co-author on numerous technical papers, journal articles and reports related to archaeology and environmental engineering.
5. I have been a researcher at Compass Systems from January 2008 to the present, at the Construction Engineer Research Laboratory (CERL) of the Engineer Research & Development Center (ERDC) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 2000 to 2008 and at the U S Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District from 1994 to 2000.
6. I am intimately familiar with the issues associated with the problem of managing the collection of samples and the conventional methods for doing so, having kept current in the technology field and having performed extensive research and development related to archaeology and environmental engineering since 1990.
7. I am not aware of any development efforts of others, past or present, that are similar to that represented by the system and methods described in the subject patent application.
8. It is my professional opinion that conventional methods for managing sample collection would continue to be used into the foreseeable future were it not for the insight and research and development efforts of the inventor.

Affiant: JOHN TAD BRITT  
(First) (MI) (Last)

Signature of Affiant: 

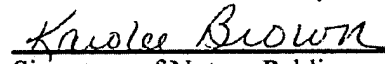
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County of CHAMPAIGN ) } ss.

On the above date, JOHN TAD BRITT, known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument duly appeared before me and acknowledged to me that the same is his own free act and deed.

My commission Expires: 01/29/12

  
Signature of Notary Public

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